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Memorandum

Date: March 9, 2012

To: Alan Takekoto, Chair
Agricultural Development Task Force

From: Ernest Y. Martin, Chair & Presiding Officer
Honolulu City Council

Subject: Appointments to the Agricultural Development Task Force

It is my understanding that the February 6th meeting of the Agricultural Development Task Force addressed the need to fill three existing vacancies with a healthy discussion on the need for a balance between specific expertise and regional or business sector representation

To facilitate your continued discussion of this matter, I believe it is important to focus on the existing parameters of Resolution 08-31. Per Resolution 08-31, the Agriculture task force may consist of no less than five members. Membership is also subject to approval of the Council Chair. As written, there is no specific membership requirements (regional, business) included in the resolution.

Upon your final consideration, please forward your recommendations for membership on the taskforce to my office. Should the commission believe that a different membership make up would benefit the taskforce, please also include those recommendations, so that we can determine whether any further revisions are necessary through enabling legislation and to continue to support the work of the taskforce.

Thank you for your efforts to ensure the continued viability of agriculture on Oahu.

c: Charmaine Doran, Director
Office of Council Services

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